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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 10/342,235
Filed on: January 15, 2003
Of: Kiyoshi OKUBO, Shoichi ABE,
Satoshi KADOKAWA, and Hiroshi IWASA
Entitled: SHEET METAL ROCKER ARM, MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF, CAM FOLLOWER WITH
SAID ROCKER ARM, AND ASSEMBLING
METHOD THEREOF
Examiner:
Group: 3748

X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.
Total pages 73

X 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 20 sheet(s), depicting Figures 1-22B.

 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from prior application
- i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

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4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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5. Cancel original claims 2-14.

6. Small entity status:

a. A small entity statement is enclosed

b. A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

c. Is no longer claimed

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7. **The filing fee is being deferred**

8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038919.47665C5) in the amount of \$.

9. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 38919.47665C5).

X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/342,235 which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/101,868, filed March 21, 2002 which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/912,366, filed July 26, 2001 which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/729,111, filed December 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,334,416, issued January 1, 2001, which is a division of Serial No. 09/265,957, filed March 11, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,199,527, issued March 13, 2001.

X 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). 10 078556, filed in Japan on March 12, 1998; 10 224702, filed in Japan on August 7, 1998; 10 224703, filed in Japan on August 7, 1998; 10 225661, filed in Japan on August 10, 1998; and 10 226183, filed in Japan on August 10, 1998, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/265,957 on June 1, 1999.

X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to NSK Ltd.

X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

 b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

X c. Address all future correspondence to:

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16. Information Disclosure Statement with Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

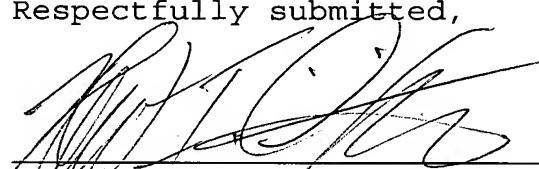
 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

 19. Other: Proposed Drawing Correction

Respectfully submitted,

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